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## OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY

Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/20/04

This action is FINAL.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 D.C. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

## Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1-17, 17-19, 48, 50 is/are pending in the application.  
Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 1-17, 17-19, 48, 50 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

## Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is  approved  disapproved.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All  Some\*  None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

## Attachment(s)

Notice of Reference Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

-SEE OFFICE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES--

Claims 1-6, 10-14, 17-19, 48, 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a porous matrix comprising polymeric material, does not reasonably provide enablement for a porous matrix comprising any material. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. Nowhere in the specification do applicants disclose nonpolymeric materials such as sintered glass. It is not apparent that applicants contemplated any porous matrix other than one comprising a polymeric <sup>with</sup> nor do applicants disclose how to fabricate the device <sup>with</sup> such a matrix <sup>with</sup> as sintered glass.

Claims 1-9, 11-14, 17-19, 48, 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for an impermeable polymeric container, does not reasonably provide enablement for any impermeable container. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. Nowhere in the specification do applicants disclose nonpolymeric impermeable materials such as metals. It is not apparent that applicants contemplated any impermeable material other than one comprising a polymer nor do applicants disclose how to fabricate the device with such a container as one of metal.

No claims allowed.

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